

Receives Army Ribbon



ANDREW R. STONE, of 121 Bledlyn Rd., Ardmore, (above, left) receives the Army Commendation Ribbon from Colonel Holmes G. Paullin, District Executive of the Eastern Pennsylvania Military District. Stone, a former private first class, was cited for "exceptionally meritorious service" as a public relations writer.

Lower Merion--Narberth Headlines During 1946

- JAN. 7—Richard W. Thorington elected president of the Lower Merion Township Board of Commissioners. Six new Commissioners sworn in: E. A. Steubner, Raymond S. Gray, Charles A. Kimball, Herbert I. Painter, William F. Whalen and W. Ivan Simpson.
- JAN. 29—Walter A. Fox elected president of the Narberth Borough Council. Two new members sworn in: Sterling M. Chain and William S. Thompson.
- JAN. 14—Narberth tax rate raised from 17 to 18 mills.
- JAN. 16—Lower Merion tax rate raised two mills; budget of \$1,257,034 approved.
- JAN. 23—Narberth merchants ask Council to relieve traffic and parking congestion in business district.
- JAN. 24—Lower Merion High opens technical courses to vets.
- JAN. 29—Dr. B. L. Scott elected president of the Main Line Federation of Churches.
- JAN. 26—Lower Merion School Board approves higher salary schedule for teachers.
- JAN. 30—Main Line chapter of American Veterans Committee formed.
- JAN. 31—Philadelphia orphanage denied permission to move to old Ashton house in Wynnewood.
- FEB. 4—Plans announced for new City Line shopping center at Haverford Rd.
- FEB. 8—General "Hap" Arnold pays a visit to Lower Merion.
- FEB. 18—State says parking meters on Lancaster Ave. would be illegal.
- MARCH 4—Borough Council bans parking on east side of Essex Ave.
- MARCH 24—Ardmore Methodist Church marks 50th anniversary.
- APRIL 1—State bans parking on south side of Lancaster Ave. from Overbrook to Paoli.
- APRIL 8—Builder announces he will convert manor house on Ashton estate into ten-family apartment house.
- APRIL 15—Richard L. Lehman named head of Narberth P.-T. A.
- APRIL 10—Douglas H. Elliot named head of newly-organized Main Line Junior Chamber of Commerce.
- APRIL 15—Lower Merion School Board raises tax rate two mills; passes \$1,515,616 budget for 1946-47.
- APRIL 22—West Ardmore Election District enlarged by court action.
- APRIL 16—Narberth School Board votes salary increases for teachers; passes \$129,000 budget; keeps 19 mill tax rate.
- APRIL 27—Narberth Community Library marks 25th anniversary.
- Cynwyd Public School janitor suspended for cafeteria fund thefts.
- MAY 6—Lower Merion High School students protest dismissal of John D. Raymond, singing teacher.
- MAY 10—Miss Corona Sutton burns to death in her Haverford home.
- Miss Blanche E. Meeser dies; served Lower Merion Board of Health for 20 years.
- MAY 15—Lower Merion Commissioners approve purchase of 350 parking meters.
- MAY 20—Civic groups unite to urge conversion of Wright School for veterans' housing project.
- MAY 21—Lloyd Wood defeats Charles Hepburn, Jr. in special election for State Senate.
- Samuel K. McConnell and William L. Batt, Jr., nominated for Congress.
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Burdo Named Head of W. Manayunk Fire Co.

Frank Burdo, of 133 Rockland Ave., West Manayunk, was elected president of the West Manayunk Fire Co. at a meeting of the group held last Wednesday night in the Fire Hall. Elected vice-president was William McElaney.

Finance Secretary Huble Frost, Treasurer Harry Bernardo, and Recording Secretary Herbert Hunsworth were all re-elected.

Rocco Burdo and James De Caro were re-elected to the Board of Directors, while Dominic Passarella, John McCarty, and Joseph V. Wright, pencoyd commissioner, were named to the Board.

Australian War Bride is Delighted at Her First Christmas in Penn Valley

Maybe you'd be pretty homesick if you were spending your first Christmas in a foreign country, several thousands of miles from home. But not Rosemary Amadia.

"I haven't had time to think about being homesick since I arrived in Penn Valley last July," Rosemary confessed, as she told of plans for her first Christmas in America.

Married in 1944

Rosemary is the wife of Louis Amadia, Jr., of Centennial Rd., Penn Valley, and is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. F. Gould of Ayr, in the State of Queensland, Australia. Her father is Foreman of the Shire Council of Ayr, which corresponds

Town Talk

By DOROTHY M. OGDEN

Apocryph of the Christmas spirit, Anna Schmidt de Leon, (she's the daughter of the Dr. William Schmidt family, of 425 Owen Rd., Wynnewood) says she parked her car up in Ardmore one afternoon recently only to find that she had exactly one penny to put into the parking meter. She explained her predicament to the policeman on the corner, and said that she didn't expect to be longer than twelve minutes (the time a penny will buy), but if she were, would he please understand the situation. The policeman walked over to the parking meter, dug a nickel out of his own pocket and put it in the meter. THAT is the Lower Merion Police Force for you...

Congratulations to Narberth's Hugh Jufferies, who captained the Peddie School football team in its successful schedule last fall. He was awarded his varsity letter at the annual banquet held last Saturday on the campus...

Speaking of the Peddie School, Mrs. Katharine Thomas Goodall's son (they live at 9 Heckamore Ave., Bala-Cynwyd) Sam was captain of its soccer team this year. Their season was good, too...they won four games, tied four games and lost four games...

Please take notice of the Police Pension Fund campaign which opened last week. Our police force is pretty wonderful and deserves all of the citizens' support. Not only that, but it's a nice thought for the Christmas season, and the boys will be more than happy for whatever contribution any citizen cares to give...by the way, just to keep the record straight, this item was NOT solicited by any member of the Force...

Guess the Hugh S. Gilhams family (they live at 518 Manor Rd., Wynnewood) are going to have themselves a Merry Christmas...They are motoring to Florida with the twins, Jean and Jane, who are back from Colorado College, and their oldest daughter, Suzanne and her family, in tow...Sound like lots of fun, and what tans they will have when they return home after the Holidays...

Understand that Blair Wetherald, he's the son of the Robert P. Wetherald family, of Woodside and Rockland Ave., Narberth, is a good candidate for Trinity College's basketball squad...

Congratulations to Bob Deacon...he won 4th place on the "Invitation to College" series Sunday. He's a senior at Lower Merion and lives at 124 Kenilworth Rd., Merion...

Narberth had several wonderful parties this past week end, including one Saturday night at Mr. and Mrs. Earl Pinholsters, of Beechwood Lane, and one Sunday at Mr. and Mrs. Ross Fahys, of Sabine Ave...Almost everyone in the Borough turned out for both affairs...

Congratulations to L. M. Commissioner Herb Painter...He's just become a grandfather for the first time. His older daughter, Carol (she's Mrs. Ted Hussa) presented him with

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Local Man Marries Baltimore Woman

The marriage of Mrs. Clara Z. Hoffman, of Baltimore, Md., to Mr. Arthur A. Renno, son of Mrs. Minna Renno, of Montgomery Court Apartments, Narberth, and the late Mr. Adolph Renno, took place quietly Monday at 5:30 P.M., in the Holy Trinity Lutheran Church of Narberth. The Rev. Cletus A. Senit performed the ceremony.

Following the ceremony there was a wedding dinner at the Walnut Park Plaza Hotel for members of the immediate families. Following a wedding trip to New York, Mr. Renno and his bride will reside temporarily in Narberth.

B-C Lions Fete 1200 Children

Gala Christmas Party Held Last Wednesday

More than 1200 children from five elementary schools were entertained by the Bala-Cynwyd Lions Club at their annual Christmas party held at the Egyptian theater last Wednesday afternoon.

The more than three-hour program featured two and a half hours of moving pictures and singing and dancing acts by Uncle WIP's "Starlets", children from the radio star's regular radio program. Uncle WIP himself acted as Master of Ceremonies.

Emmett Hunt, past president of the club, introduced Uncle WIP to the children, who were from St. Matthias School, Bala; St. Margaret's, Narberth; Waldron Academy, Merion, and the Bala and Cynwyd Elementary Schools.

The children were presented with Santa Claus badges from the Lions Club as they entered the theater. The motion picture program included patriotic, Mickey Mouse and Walt Disney short subjects.

Chairman of the committee in charge of the Christmas party was M. A. Flick, president of the Bala-Cynwyd Lions Club. Other members were John Hunt, chairman of the Child Welfare Committee; Jack Lynch; Joseph Dolan, Jr.; James McDonald and Hugh O'Neill. All members of the club attended the party.

Guests at the party included 25 teaching sisters from the four parochial schools.

Club Thief Is Paroled

Arnold Lauria, 22-year-old Merion Cricket Club bellhop who was sentenced to 11 to 23 months in jail after he admitted stealing two suits and an overcoat and forging a \$50 check at the Club last May, is out on parole.

But he will have to re-pay the sum of \$136.73 within five months if he doesn't want to serve out the remaining five months of his minimum term. Lauria was granted the parole last week by Judge William F. Dannenbauer after Lauria told him he had an opportunity to obtain permanent employment.

He said he lived "like an animal" for months until he got a job at the Cricket Club.

Lauria, who lives in Philadelphia, told the Court in October when he first asked for the parole that he deserted from the Navy in Puerto Rico, in July, 1944, after "he couldn't take it any more."

There, he admitted, he stole suits of clothing belonging to Harry Walsh, a bartender, and H. B. Register, an architect, who lives at the club. He also forged a \$50 check of Raymond Bailey, Philadelphia Electric Company official.

Under the life trusts, the children of the beneficiaries will benefit at their deaths.

A nephew, S. Lewis Ziegler, Jr., of Philadelphia, and a niece, Mrs. Katherine Z. Heasley, of Ithaca, N. Y., are given \$25,000 each.

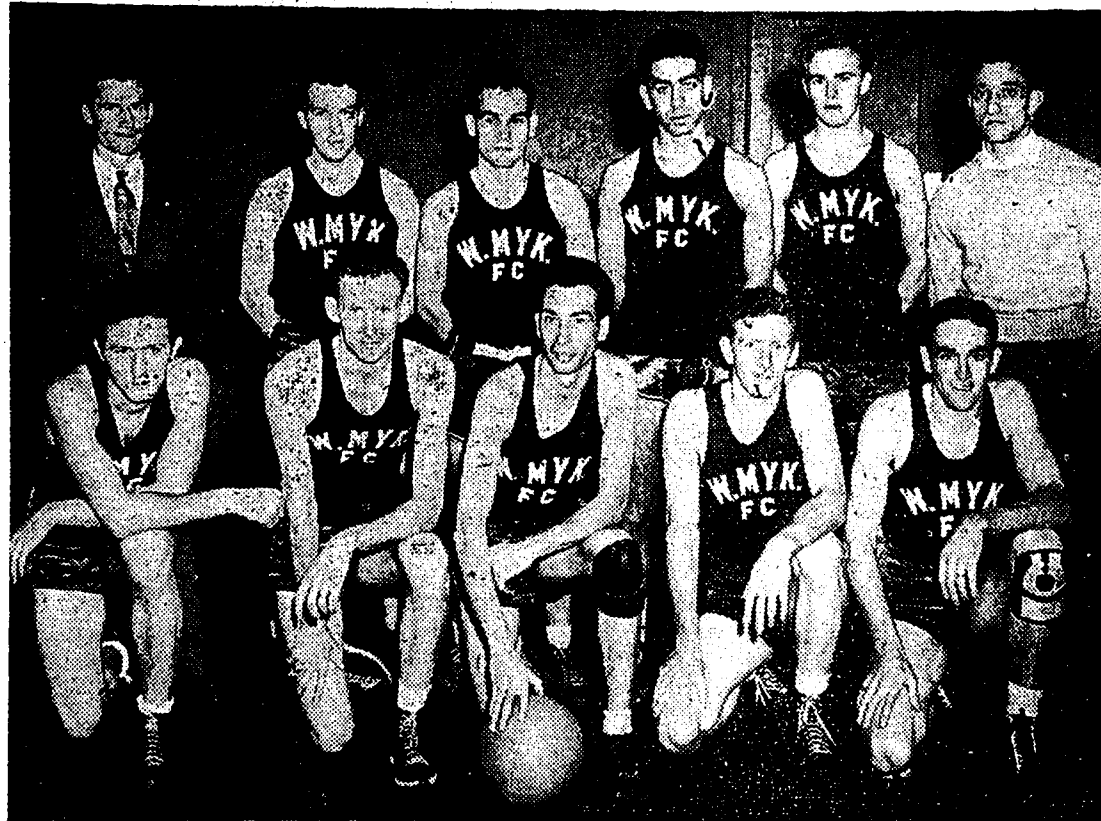
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The League-Leading West Manayunk Legionnaires



THE WEST MANAYUNK LEGIONNAIRES have won their last seven games and are at the top of Section II in the Main Line "B" League. The boys, all of them veterans, formed the club this year. Front row, from left to right: Lou Cofino, Frank McGettigan, Stan Lentz, Reds McFarland and Roddy McFarland and Roddy McFarland. Back row, from left to right: Coach Art Lyle, Harry Kelly, Mal Lentz, Lou Dondrea, Jerry McFarland and Manager Angelo Constantino. Mal and Stan Lentz are brothers, ditto the McFarlands. Reds is leading the "B" League with 110 points. Lou Dondrea played first string at West Chester Teachers before he went into service. Two players not shown are Frank Wilson and Frank Basile, former Lower Merion High stars.

Historic Inn Won't Be Destroyed

Prospective Buyers Promise Not to Raze Buck Tavern

Two Ardmore brothers, George and Joseph Hykel, revealed this week they were seriously considering the purchase of historic old Buck Tavern, Martin and Lancaster Aves., Bryn Mawr, Haverford Township.

They assured worried residents, however, that they "have no intention of tearing down the building."

"We are fully aware of the historic meaning and value of Buck Tavern," they said.

Now An Apartment

The building, presently an apartment house called Buck Inn Apartments, is owned by Mrs. Mary L. Martin of Haverford Manor, Haverford. Erected in 1730 by Thomas Penn, son of William Penn, just 49 years after his father had signed the Indian Treaty, the Tavern has been in the hands of the Martin family for nearly 100 years.

Originally, Lancaster Ave. ran through the property, until Dennis Kelly, a Cobbs Creek woolen manufacturer and grandfather of Mrs. Martin's husband, petitioned the State Legislature to change the route of the road, which was done.

In 1922 Wallace and Warner remodelled the building into seven apartments. Mrs. Martin put it up for sale through her brother, Meredith Jack, of Wynnewood, last Summer.

Disclosure of the Hykel brothers (Continued on page 2)

Cynwyd Woman Shares in Estate

Mrs. Carolyn W. Darby, of 350 N. Highland Ave., Merion, will share in the estate of her late sister, Miss Katherine J. Weston, of Gray's Lane, Haverford. Miss Weston, who died December 12 at the age of 88, made bequests totaling \$380,000, according to her will filed for probate this week at Norristown.

The will sets up \$100,000 life trusts for Mrs. Darby and a nephew, James D. Darby, of Pittsburgh. Another nephew, Donald W. Darby, of Stratford, is given \$100,000 outright.

Under the life trusts, the children of the beneficiaries will benefit at their deaths.

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V. M. S. C. Head Objects To Articles on Kennel Club

EDITOR'S NOTE: The following letter was received this week from Thomas W. Markle, president of the Volunteer Medical Service Corps of Narberth, taking issue with several stories which have appeared in this newspaper. In none of the stories is Mr. Davies quoted as saying that the Bryn Mawr Kennel Club was refused permission to use the Narberth Playground "because the grounds were left in very poor condition" last year. Mr. Davies was quoted simply as telling Council that the grounds last year were left in poor condition.

Volunteer Medical Service Corps, Narberth, Pa.
Dec. 15, 1946

George A. Walker,
Lower Merion Newspapers, Inc.,
Ardmore, Pa.

In regard to the articles you have published recently in your newspapers regarding the request of the Bryn Mawr Kennel Club to use the Narberth Playground for their dog show on Sunday, June 8, 1947, for the benefit of the V.M.S.C. of Narberth, I wish to make several facts clear to you. Borough Council refused to grant this permission only on the grounds that the Show would be held on Sunday, as the enclosed copy of a letter from the Borough Secretary so states. The minutes of Council also state this is the only reason.

In two of your articles you quote Mr. Davies as saying that the refusal was because the grounds were left in a very poor condition. In last week's article you do not quote, but state that complaints were received that the grounds were left in poor condition. At last week's Council meeting it was made very clear, especially for your reporter, the true reason for refusal. For your information, after the Show last year, arrangements were made through Mr. George Supplee, to have the Bough men put the grounds in good condition, for which the Bryn Mawr Kennel Club paid the sum of \$58.51. Where your reporter obtained her information I do not know, as the Minutes of Council contain nothing except the Sunday reason.

As these misstatements of facts have caused the Bryn Mawr Kennel Club and ourselves a great deal of harm, I request that you publish a full statement of the facts as they are and not as you have made them. If your paper was interested in Community service, you would have made a more thorough investigation of this subject. Our only interest in this matter is the fact that he funds received from any benefit are used solely to purchase equipment and to render better service to the residents of Narberth and surrounding areas.

Yours truly,
Thomas W. Markle (signed)
President,
V. M. S. C. of Narberth.

THE SPECTATOR

A Second Page is Taken From the Railroad Book

ANOTHER PAGE in the railroad book occurred recently when this victim of an insufferable cold came home from New York on a Pullman club car, as he felt too miserable to venture the hurly-burly of the coaches in which he commutes weekly to Gotham. Previous to boarding the train, a copy of "Holiday" had been purchased in order to read an article on New York, a subject of never-ending interest.

The train had passed Newark when a man asked if he might speak plainly. Told to go ahead, he presumed to say that your reporter appeared to be the most disagreeable person on board. He also pointed out that said reporter had come on the train, took his seat and paid utterly no attention to the other 12 men in the club car. The discerning stranger further said that this disgruntled sort of person was not even aware that there were 12 other men there. Every man who had entered the car except this discordant one, he claimed, sized up everybody else as soon as he sat down. Men are like women in that way, he stated, and don't let anyone say they are not. The reporter had not taken stock of the car contents, and that unorthodox omission engaged the attention of the man alert to make psychological soundings.

Asked for the rest of it, the stranger said this sour-puss countenance must mean an act, as he really thought the Narberth man was a kindly person. He confessed, however, he could be all mixed up in his estimate, as he simply could not understand why his subject was smoking cigarettes instead of the cigars that should be the case according to his formula (whereupon he was given a real good cigar) or why he was perusing a "tawdry thing" like "Holiday." That "trifling" kind of reading was altogether out of character in his opinion.

THE OBSERVANT traveler was definitely of a refreshing (Continued on page 2)

2nd Xmas Of Peace Marked

Church Services Feature Observance Held During Week

Narberth celebrated its second peacetime Christmas since the end of World War II, with traditional carols, special Church services and strings of Christmas lights covering the streets.

Churches throughout the Borough held services during the week, Christmas Eve, and Christmas Day, with appropriate messages offered by the pastors. Hymns Broadcast

Christmas hymns were broadcast throughout the week and on Christmas Day over the loudspeaker system recently installed in the Narberth Methodist Church.

The Narberth Public School held special services in the school auditorium before school was closed for a two-week holiday.

Strings of vari-colored lights were strung along Haverford Ave., several weeks before Christmas, and the large tree in Station Circle was also lighted. The lights were donated by the Narberth Business Council.

Candlelight Services

Several hundred persons attended late candlelight services at the Holy Trinity Lutheran Church Christmas Eve and early morning Masses at St. Margaret's Church Christmas Day.

The candlelight services featured special music by the augmented choir of the Church under the direction of Robert S. Goodshall, selections by the Womens' String Trio of the University of Pennsylvania, and solo numbers by a member of the Juilliard Institution, of New York.

Special services were also held Christmas Sunday at the Narberth Methodist Church and at the Narberth Presbyterian Church under the direction of Dr. Andrew K. Blackwood, president of the Princeton Theological Seminary.

Two Injured in Auto Crash in Overbrook

Two Philadelphians were injured last Wednesday night when their automobile crashed into a tree in Overbrook.

Henry J. Jaroszewicz, 22, of 2334 Brown St., Philadelphia, told Lower Merion police he had just passed Indian Creek Drive on Lancaster Ave., Overbrook, when he saw another car coming up the wrong side of the street.

Swerving to avoid the oncoming car he lost control of his own car and crashed into a tree on the other side of the road. He and a companion, Mary Purcell, 19, of 2561 Indian Queen Lane, East Falls, Philadelphia, were taken to Bryn Mawr Hospital and treated for cuts and bruises.

Methodist Youth To Enter Public Speaking Contest

The program at the Narberth Methodist Church this Sunday evening will be devoted to the local contest in a nation-wide public speaking contest of Methodist Youth.

Each contestant will speak on some theme relating to the World Service work of the Methodist Church. It is expected that five or six young people of the Narberth Church will enter the contest.

The winner of each local contest will enter the District Contest, to be held some time during the winter months. The final contest for the Northeastern Jurisdiction of the Methodist Church will be held at the Jurisdictional Conference next Summer—and the contestants will come from each area in the Jurisdiction.

This special program will be a part of the local Church's observance of Student Recognition Day. An additional feature of the program will be special music brought by Mrs. Alma Williams, soprano soloist, and Donald White, trumpet soloist. It is expected that other college students who are home for the Christmas vacation will participate in the service. The program will begin at 7:45 o'clock.

The morning service, at 11:00 o'clock, will be a post-Christmas service, with the pastor, the Rev. Harold D. Flood, preaching on the theme: "A New Year Back."

The Christmas decorations which are attracting a great amount of favorable comment were designed and arranged by Norman Snyder, an official of the local church. These decorations will remain in the church through the first Sunday of January.

